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**RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants submit this Response to the October 22, 2008 Final Office Action received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, together with a Petition to Extend Time for two months up to and including March 23, 2009 and the appropriate fee. Applicants concurrently submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination, and a requisite fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e).

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this Response.